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## THE ENGLISH DEFY PLANS

### Will Put Close Blockade on German Coast and Will Prohibit as Contraband All Foodstuffs From Neutral Countries.

### Germany Proposes to Use Zeppelins in Enforcing Blockade on England in Addition to Submarines—Ships Sail From New York for England Notwithstanding Germany's Proclamation—Italy Will Have Her Whole War Strength Mobilized in Ten Days, Says Italian General—Asks if Germany or Austria Will Invade Roumania—Germans and French Both Claim Success in Flanders—Germans Continue Their Advance Into Poland, Capturing Two Cities.

London, Feb. 16.—Germany's proposal that England abandon the embargo upon foodstuffs consigned to German civilians in return for Germany calling off the submarine campaign against British shipping was presented to the cabinet today at an extraordinary session. It is reliably reported that the proposal was rejected in its entirety. It was announced later that King George will hold a meeting of the privy council late today or tomorrow at which the king will sign a proclamation prohibiting the transportation of foodstuffs to Germany and providing various other retaliatory measures against the threatened blockade. It is understood that a close blockade of the German coast is planned.

### German Will Retaliate.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—Zeppelins will participate in the blockade of the British coast, attacking the British ships escaping from the submarines. The Germans will also strew the British coast with mines.

### UNITED STATES WILL PROTEST.

Government Will Dispute England's Proclamation Making Foodstuffs Absolute Contraband.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The proclamation making foodstuffs absolute contraband which Great Britain is preparing to announce is expected to be opposed by the United States. It was made evident today that the State department will dispute any pronouncement which eliminates entirely conditional contraband from neutral ships in war time.

The Wilhelmina cargo case will bring the issue to a focus. It now seems certain that the British will try to keep all American foodstuffs out of Germany.

### Russians Defeated at Delatyn.

Vienna, Feb. 16.—Eighty thousand Russians were defeated in the battle of Delatyn Saturday and driven through Nadworna back toward Stanislaw. The Austrians captured several thousand Russians and counted over a thousand dead along the road from Delatyn to Nadworna. It is estimated that the Russians lost over thirteen thousand during the day's fight.

### Italy Makes Demand.

London, Feb. 16.—A dispatch today states that Italy has asked Germany and Austria to give assurances that they will not invade Roumania, as the result of a report that Austria is threatening the Roumanian frontier. Gen. Garibaldi today predicted that Italy would mobilize the complete war strength of the army within ten days. He declared that the war spirit in Italy is growing strongly.

### British Report Success.

Paris, Feb. 16.—Official—The British forces today recaptured the trenches taken Monday by the Germans in Flanders, near Steloi.

### German Victory in Poland.

Berlin, Feb. 16 (Wireless).—The Germans have captured Plock and Bielek, northern Poland towns on the right bank of the Vistula river after a short fight, taking a thousand Russian prisoners. The British efforts to retake the trenches in Flanders near Steloi have failed.

### Will Treat All Alike.

Copenhagen, Feb. 16.—A semi-official dispatch from Berlin says that Germany will take no notice of "home colors" painted on neutral vessels, but all ships encountered after February 18th will be treated alike by German warships. The German reply to the United States is said to be friendly, but very firm.

### SENDS FULL GERMAN REPLY.

### Ambassador Transmits Answer to Washington—No Details Yet.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—Ambassador Gerard transmitted to Washington today the complete reply of Germany to the recent note from the United States inquiring as to what precautions Germany expects to take for the safety of neutral shipping in the British war zone. The reply is friendly, but details must be given out at Washington.

### Reports Indicate Sweeping Victory.

Berlin, Feb. 17, Wireless.—The latest reports indicate that a tremendous victory was won by the Germans over the Russians when the latter were driven out of east Prussia under the eyes of the Kaiser. Over fifty thousand prisoners were taken with fifty cannon and sixty machine guns. Only a remnant of the Russian army of two hundred thousand succeeded in escaping over the frontier, abandoning vast quantities of ammunition and other war supplies in their flight. The conflict of last Wednesday was in the Mazurian Lake region.

### DENY GREAT GERMAN VICTORY.

### Retreat of Russians Caused by Approach of Enemy in Gigantic Force.

Petrograd, Feb. 17.—The Russians effected orderly withdrawals from points on fronts menaced by the terrific offensive of the Germans and Austrians. Their withdrawal from east Prussia and southern Bukovina was caused by the appearance of great opposing armies and not to any decisive battles or defeats. It is the Russian policy to let the enemies' offensive wear itself out rather than to suffer severe losses in driving them back. A great German victory in east Prussia is denied. (Official).

### Albanians Invading Servia.

Nish, Feb. 17.—Albanians are attacking the Servians all along the entire frontier and are invading the department of Okhrida, in southwestern Servia, and forcing the Servians to retire before superior numbers. Albanians have captured the town of Sehgaftashan.

### Greece-Turkish War Imminent.

Bucharest, Feb. 17.—War between Greece and Turkey was declared by diplomats here to be imminent. The Greek ultimatum expires at 6 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

### Will Settle Turko-Greece Dispute.

Athens, Feb. 17.—The Austrian and German ambassadors to Constantinople have been advised that the Turkish government will settle the dispute with Greece immediately.

### Disease Causes Germans to Leave.

Petrograd, Feb. 17.—Germans are reported to be evacuating the town of Piotrkow, an important railway center in southwestern Poland, because of an outbreak of disease which has been decimating the German troops.

### Oscar II Seized by English.

New York, Feb. 17.—A cablegram to the officials of the Scandinavian-American line that their steamship Oscar II from New York for Christiania with six hundred passengers was seized by a British cruiser Sunday and taken to Kirkwall. It carried a big American cargo and is being searched. The wireless has been dismantled.

### WILL SUSPEND TRAFFIC.

### Ships Will Not Fly Between Folkestone and Calais for Few Days.

Folkestone, England, Feb. 17.—Steamship officers posted a notice today that beginning tomorrow traffic between Folkestone and Calais and

## EQUINOX MILLS IDLE AGAIN.

### ANOTHER STRIKE IN ANDERSON FACTORY.

### Weavers Declare That Promises Made to Settle Previous Trouble Have Not Been Fulfilled.

Anderson, Feb. 16.—Labor troubles were brought out afresh at the Equinox mills this afternoon when the men employed in the weaving room refused to go back to work after the dinner hour. The machinery in the carding and spinning rooms continued to run for two hours and then there was a general closing down extending in all departments.

The weavers struck about two weeks ago, when a cut in wages became effective. They returned to their looms later when assured they would each make at least \$1.50 per day. Declaring that their wages did not come up to these figures, they walked out again today.

The Equinox mills manufactures army duck and is owned by Wellington, Sears & Co., of Boston, principal owners of Gluck mills, which is also closed down because of a strike in several departments.

The closing of the two mills causes more than 1,000 persons to be idle and the dependence of 1,000 more is cut off.

### GOVERNOR AT CONFERENCE.

### Tells Negroes That He Hopes to Be Governor of All the People.

Columbia, Feb. 18.—Richard I. Manning, governor of South Carolina, speaking last night at the seventh annual negro race conference in Columbia, said that he intended to be as good a governor as he could be for white and black folk alike. He said he expected the cooperation of negro citizens.

"The governor made a plain, straight talk, which pleased the audience greatly," said Richard Carroll, president of the conference, who estimated that perhaps as many as 2,000 persons were present, including probably 200 from out of town.

Lewie A. Griffith, M. D., mayor of Columbia, also addressed the conference. Response to his talk was made by the Rev. N. S. Hagood, response to that of the governor by the Rev. J. J. Durham. The mayor was introduced by N. J. Frederick, the governor by George W. Dick, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house.

### Lumber Is Brisk.

Mr. R. J. Clifford, president of the Atlantic Coast Lumber Corporation, gives assurances that trade conditions in the lumber market are improving. The steamship Aragon, which had been laid off for some time on account of the dulness in demand, will be put on again and resume her regular trips from the mills on the Sampit to Northern ports. The Aragon was expected to arrive at this harbor on Monday.—Georgetown Times.

Eulouane would be suspended "for a few days."

### Germans Hear of Traffic Stopping.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—Newspapers today printed dispatches telling of the suspension of water traffic by Dutch and English steamships, referring sarcastically to English stoppage.

### English Collier Torpedoed.

Havre, Feb. 17.—The British collier Dulwich was torpedoed by a German submarine Monday night in the English channel off Etretz. Two of its crew were drowned and twenty rescued.

### Germans Invest Kovno.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—A dispatch from Koenigsburg states that the Germans have reached the great Russian fortress at Kovno and thoroughly investigated it.

### French Steamer Sunk.

Paris, Feb. 17 (Official).—A German submarine sank the French steamship Ville De Ville off Harleur yesterday. The crew was given ten minutes in which to abandon the ship. The submarine attacked a Norwegian steamer, but was driven away by French torpedo boats.

### Allies Take Offensive.

Berlin, Feb. 17 (Wireless).—It is officially reported this afternoon that the British and French are taking the offensive at the west. All assaults have been repulsed except at a point in Champagne, where the French succeeded in penetrating the German line. German operations at the east continue favorable.

## MAYOR TO SHUT DOWN LID.

### WILL ON MARCH 1 REVIVE RULES FORMERLY IN FORCE IN CHARLESTON.

### Grace Takes Action Which He Considers Best for Bringing Conditions Within or Near to Pale of the Law.

Charleston, Feb. 16.—Mayor John P. Grace today made public his program of municipal law enforcement in response to a communication from Gov. Manning, in which the executive chief of South Carolina calls the attention of Charleston's mayor to conditions existing here in alleged violation of the law. Accompanying the program offered by Mayor Grace is a statement to the effect that he believes it to be a reasonable program, although not strictly in accord with the wishes of the governor.

Mayor Grace's statement follows:

"Gov. Manning has called my attention very sharply to alleged violations of law in this city, and has stated that unless drastic steps are taken at once to stop these violations, Charleston must be prepared for a rather strenuous program. I agree that the law is not fully respected in many particulars in this community. But Charleston is no worse than any other city upon which odious laws have been imposed by those either misunderstanding or not caring about cosmopolitan habits and conditions. Therefore I have made earnest efforts to bring the legislature around to a proper conception of our problems, hoping that sensible laws might be passed which all good citizens can join in obeying and seeing obeyed. Unfortunately while we have made a great impression and much progress with the legislature now sitting, we have again failed to get relief. But the future is full of hope. In the meantime, and especially now under the mandates of Gov. Manning, I feel it my duty to republish the following rules, which the police department will more rigorously follow, beginning March 1:

"1. Closing of blind tigers at 12 o'clock and on Sundays.

"2. The banishment of slot machines and all forms of mechanical gambling.

"3. The closing of turf exchanges and the prevention of hand books in that connection.

"4. The suppression of lotteries.

"5. The shutting off of illuminated signs which lead to places of lawlessness.

"6. The absolute prevention of liquor selling to boys (and especially those in school uniforms) and to men when they reach a certain stage of intoxication.

"7. The measurable restriction of houses of ill fame and assignation.

"It will be recalled that these are practically the rules twice heretofore promulgated and sporadically enforced until by the intervention of compelling influences they were rendered more or less nugatory. I understand now that it is Gov. Manning's intention to prevent henceforth a repetition of those influences.

"Gov. Manning is by no means satisfied with her does he accept the rules above laid down as a full compliance with his ideas of law enforcement. But I have assured him that under all the circumstances in Charleston, if I can carry them out, it will be as far, for the present, as it is humanly practicable to go.

"Of course he would like to see the enforcement in Charleston of every law on the statute books. So would I. That is a very high ideal, but, like every other ideal, altogether unattainable; especially when some of our statute law is in downright opposition to an almost universal sentiment. I believe that the minds and hearts of 90 per cent. of our people will instantly accept the foregoing program as reasonable and therefore enforceable, which will be a far better condition to achieve than by any more extreme efforts to plunge the whole community into a state of turmoil and hopeless outlawry."

### SIX PROTESTS FILED.

### Neutral Countries Object to Germany's War Zone Decree.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—Germany's expectation that neutral countries would protest against the proclamation of a war zone around the British Isles has been amply fulfilled. Thus far six neutrals, the United States, Holland, Italy, Greece, Norway, and Denmark have made representations to the foreign office, all couched in friendly terms. Germany has made preliminary answers placing the full responsibility for the condition on England for cutting off the food supplies of German civilians.

## FIGHT IS HARD IN POLAND

### Russians on Vistula Withstand Fierce Attacks of Germans

### Russians Being Pursued in Grodam District and Kolno—Germans Admit Success of Allies Between Arras and Lille—Turkey Makes Amends to Greece by Apology—English Lose Five Vessels by German Cruiser.

### Austrians Capture Kolomea.

Vienna, Feb. 18.—Official—The Austrians have captured the important Galician railway center of Kolomea on the Pruth river, taking two thousand prisoners after two days hard battle. Four thousand Russians were also captured in the Carpathians. The general battle continues as far as Wyzkow.

### Russians at Bay.

Petrograd, Feb. 18.—At bay in their positions in northern Poland on the right bank of the Vistula the Russians are withstanding successfully terrific attacks of the Germans advancing from Thorn and Soldau. The German drive is being checked on the Plock-Racione front, where a battle is raging with great intensity. Further Russian successes are reported in the Carpathians, including the capture of fourteen hundred prisoners and the complete annihilation of a German battalion in the Lubne-St. Denne region. Impetuous German attacks in the Wyzkow district have been repulsed.

### Kaiser Returns from East.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—Kaiser Wilhelm has returned from the east. He is planning to visit Cuxhaven and Helgoland.

### Turks Apologize.

London, Feb. 18.—Turkey has apologized to Greece for the arrest of the Greek naval attaché at Constantinople. Danger of war has been removed for the present.

### British Ships Sunk.

Buenos Aires, Feb. 18.—Four British cruisers and a British schooner have been sunk by the German converted cruiser Kron Prinz Wilhelm. The matter was reported by the German steamer Holger, which is bringing in over three hundred men comprising the crews of the Highland Brae, Potaro, Hemshire and Semantha, and the schooner Wilfred M.

### Greece Accepts Turkey's Apology.

Athens, Feb. 18.—It was officially announced today that Greece has accepted the Turkish apology and the incident is closed.

### Allies Score Success.

Paris, Feb. 18.—Official—The allies scored several successes along the battle front today. The most important are in the Argonne and along the Meuse river, where they advanced four hundred yards.

### German Offensive in East.

Berlin, Feb. 18 (Wireless).—It is officially admitted that the British between Arras and Lille have made slight gains. The Germans have evacuated the village of Norroy. The allies continue their offensive operations against the right wing of the Germans, but attacks at Champagne have ceased. At the east the Germans are attacking the Russians near Taurigen and in the district west of Grodam. The Russians who were beaten near Kolno were reinforced later and the Germans are attacking them again.

### Oscar II Released.

Copenhagen, Feb. 18.—The Scandinavian liner Oscar II recently held at Kirkwall has been released and is expected to reach Christiansand tonight.

### Adriatic Reaches Liverpool.

Liverpool, Feb. 18.—The White Star liner Adriatic arrived from New York today.

### GERMANY'S REPLY FORWARDED.

Tone Friendly But United States is Advised to Keep American Ships Out of War Zone.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—It is learned today that German reply to the United States protest which has been forwarded to Washington after most

friendly assurances from Germany accuses Great Britain of violating international shipping rules. It asserts that Germany's action was justified by Great Britain attacking to cut off Germany's food supply. It recommends that American ships avoid the war zone and that Great Britain and suggest that American ships passing through the war zone could be recognized by convoys of warships flying the United States ensign. It emphasizes that only ships carrying no contraband should be convoyed. It severely censures the British practice of using neutral flags. It hopes that the United States will fully respect the struggle Germany is making for national existence. It is reported that the admiralty has information that it is the intention of Great Britain to torpedo the first incoming American steamer and charge the sinking to German submarines.

### ITALIANS DEMAND WAR.

### Crowds in Street Make Troops Necessary to Defend Public Buildings.

Rome, Feb. 18.—Ten thousand Italian troops today are guarding the embassies and government buildings during huge demonstrations to force Italy to join the war. Great crowds are surging in the streets.

### ENGLAND AWARNS FIRST BLOW.

### Channel Traffic Keeps up Notwithstanding Submarines.

London, Feb. 18.—England is "sitting tight" awaiting the first blow of the German submarines. Channel steamer traffic is being maintained.

### KAISER APOLOGIZES TO GERARD.

### Emperor Regrets Hostile Demonstration in Berlin Theatre on February 9th.

Basel, Switzerland, (via Paris,) Feb. 17.—Emperor William will apologize personally to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador to Germany, for the hostile demonstration which occurred at a Berlin theatre on the evening of February 9, according to a telegram received here today from Berlin.

The Emperor, it is said, will express his regrets to Mr. Gerard when the ambassador visits his Majesty at the East Prussian fortress of Koenigsberg. Mr. Gerard is reported to have accepted the Emperor's invitation to go to Koenigsberg.

Ambassador Gerard and a party from the American embassy were attending a theatre in Berlin on February 9, when, greatly to their annoyance, a man in the audience protested because they were speaking English. When informed that his remarks were directed against the American ambassador, the man began a loud and violent tirade against the United States for permitting the exportation of arms. The individual was finally suppressed by attendants.

### TO STAY IN CAPITAL.

### Senator Smith to Remain There for Present.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Senator E. D. Smith of South Carolina returned to Washington yesterday, after a day or two at home. Senator Smith has recently been in an embarrassing situation, Mrs. Smith being ill at home and his presence being badly needed here. Mrs. Smith is now recovering and the senator hopes to remain in Washington until the end of the present session.

### PRIMARY BILL PASSED.

### House and Senate Clearing Deck for Adjournment.

Columbia, Feb. 16.—The house today passed the primary reform bill and the medical inspection bill. The senate sent the compulsory education bill to free conference.